

**fyi-- statement sent to NPR on Wind River discharge permits**

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**EPA Statement**

EPA is currently evaluating several Clean Water Act discharge permits, which are up for renewal, that cover produced water from production wells on the Wind River Reservation. We are committed to coordinating closely with the Tribes to ensure these permits are technically sound and include conditions necessary to protect surface water uses in the area, including those for wildlife, livestock and other agricultural uses.

EPA routinely evaluates Clean Water Act permits when their terms expire to ensure the renewed permits account for current activity and the best available technical information. Each permit is unique and tailored to specific circumstances, including receiving water uses and activity at individual wells.

EPA is reviewing new information associated with these permits and intends to meet with the Tribes in upcoming weeks to discuss next steps. Any renewed permits will be released as draft and will be subject to public review and comment prior to becoming effective.

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